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Marginal Column
By EMILY LAQUER

MALENKOV'S statement at the concluding session of the Supreme Soviet has completely (perhaps wrongly) overshadowed other important decisions adopted, which normally would have received close attention. The most important is the decision to cut the Soviet agricultural tax by 40%.

This is a tax paid by the peasant in the kolhoz for the food he produces for the state. It is a particularly heavy burden on the peasant and has been raised twice since the end of World War II. A worker, civil servant or artist with an income of 12,000 rubles a year pays a taxable maximum of 15%, while till now the peasant was forced to pay no less than 60% for his produce. Now the tax was intended to achieve a political as well as a fiscal object: according to Soviet policy, reflected in Stalin's ideological writings and his instructions at the last Party Congress, individual land holdings were to be liquidated gradually, or at least temporarily. Now this trend has been reversed suddenly, at least temporarily. How can this sudden volte face be explained? Is it a sign of a long range political maneuver?

For a number of years there have been differences of opinion in Soviet leadership about agricultural policy; controversies have occasionally been made public, as in Andrei Gromyko's "Admission of Error" in 1950 or with the winding up of the "Agro-Gorod" scheme in 1951. Reviewing the situation, we find that whereas industry has been developing vigorously, agriculture has been lagging behind almost uniformly. For the moment, Beria has been made the scapegoat. Among the few tangible charges against him is the accusation that he intended to liquidate collective agriculture and re-introduce capitalism by encouraging individual cultivation following a liberal policy. This is in fact not altogether impossible. When in 1951 the drive to fuse small settlements into one large kolhoz (the Agro-Gorod plan) was abandoned, provincial chiefs such as Messrs. Arutunov of Armenia and Chavchava of Georgia openly attacked Khrushchev who was responsible for the plan. This they could not have done, had they not been confident that the policy of one of the most influential Soviet leaders — as it now turns out, probably Beria.

The most interesting feature of this development is that, having got rid of Beria, Malenkov and Khrushchev are adopting his agricultural policy. There is nothing very surprising about this to the student of Soviet affairs. Stalin frequently made his opponents policy his own and he himself bound them out of office. The whole affair goes to show what has been obvious to all but the most faithful for years: ideological disputes though they do exist are by no means of paramount importance in internal relations. They are, to use a Marxist metaphor, the superstructure, the fight for power is the base.

A certain amount of liberalization is, unfortunately, all that is left of the trend of "democratic regeneration" that began to make itself felt immediately after Stalin's death. This was acknowledged very clearly by Mr. Deutscher in an article in "The Times": among bona fide Soviet observers there has come to the fore a new kind of thinking during the last few months. He was wrong, not so much in believing in the existence of the tendency as in not realizing that the very narrow limits of democratic regeneration were organized from above. It now appears that these limits were reached by June. Stalinist principles have been restored, minus of course the hero worship of the "great Stalin." Malenkov's very similar policy was strikingly confirmed by the 17th and 18th Party Congresses in 1952 and 1953 when he stated that the Soviet Union had no expansionist aspirations as far as Finland, the Baltic countries and Poland are concerned. Continuity has been preserved — a fact that has been admitted regretfully, but admitted it must be.

Jerusalem, August 15.

COLOMBO TIGHTENS EMERGENCY RULE

COLOMBO, Saturday (Reuters). — The Government has tightened emergency regulations by making arson, looting and trespassing punishable by death or life imprisonment.

It took this step last night when troops armed with machine guns were still patrolling the streets in Ceylon's capital after two days of demonstrations in which 31 persons were killed and 380 arrested. The demonstrations were organized as a protest against increases in rice prices, fuel, taxes, electricity and postal charges.

Under the provision of the Public Security Ordinance, Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake has been empowered to proscribe organizations which may prejudice public order and safety or the maintenance of essential services.

Colombo was peaceful last night, but the curfew is still strictly enforced.

Moroccan Sultan Said Agreed to Abdicate

RABAT, Saturday. — Rebellious Moroccan Pasha and Calid, Mohammed VI, announced today that Moulay Mohammed Ben Arafa, son of the Sultan of Morocco, has been appointed "Commander of the Faithful" — supreme Moslem religious leader of Morocco.

This title had never before been separated from that of the Sultan. Though the Sultan seemed to have been replaced on a purely spiritual plane, the situation was still extremely confused, and other developments might be expected.

Authoritative but unconfirmed sources said that Sultan Mohammed Ben Arafa had already signed an abdication order, the son of the Sultan, Prince Moulay Abdallah, was in the French Residency in Rabat. The French Residency in Rabat denied reports that Prince Moulay Abdallah, second son of the Sultan, had been chosen by the Sultan to replace his father. Both the Residency and the Sultan's palace denied rumours that the Sultan had abdicated.

High Council Acts

The decision to name the pro-French Ben Arafa Imam of Morocco was taken by a High Council of tribal chieftains meeting in Marrakesh. The public proclamation followed a long meeting between the French Resident General, Gen. Augustin Guillaume, and el Glaoui. The French appeared to be behind a compromise attempt aimed at avoiding the few tangible charges against him is the accusation that he intended to liquidate collective agriculture and re-introduce capitalism by encouraging individual cultivation following a liberal policy. This is in fact not altogether impossible. When in 1951 the drive to fuse small settlements into one large kolhoz (the Agro-Gorod plan) was abandoned, provincial chiefs such as Messrs. Arutunov of Armenia and Chavchava of Georgia openly attacked Khrushchev who was responsible for the plan. This they could not have done, had they not been confident that the policy of one of the most influential Soviet leaders — as it now turns out, probably Beria.

The crisis was touched off when the pro-French Berber leader, el Glaoui, summoned 300 Pashas and Calids to his pink palace at the desert oasis of Marrakesh, with the announced intention of deposing the reigning Sultan for religious modernism and "impiety," as well as for political reasons.

Obtains Postponement

Gen. Guillaume yesterday obtained a 24-hour postponement of the decision to proclaim Ben Arafa as the new Sultan, and later, at a four-hour meeting, appeared to have convinced el Glaoui to moderate his position.

With Gen. Guillaume was M. Jacques Vimont, French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's Cabinet chief, who hastened to el Glaoui to help head off the crisis.

"We found ourselves faced with very resolute (Berber) questioners speaking in the name of an immense rural population," Vimont told newsmen later. "Gen. Guillaume tried to show them that the reforms just signed by the Sultan were in agreement with the desires expressed by the Pashas and Calids. It now rests with el Glaoui and the other leaders to convince the assembled chiefs."

The decision of the Sultan to sign the decrees followed, his appeal to the French for help a few days ago, when it appeared that he feared for his throne in the face of a growing wave of protests by el Glaoui and several hundred chieftains.

French sources in Rabat were stated to have denied rumours that the Sultan had signed the French-sponsored reform decrees under duress.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Paris yesterday, "France's role is in not realizing that the very narrow limits of democratic regeneration were organized from above. It now appears that these limits were reached by June. Stalinist principles have been restored, minus of course the hero worship of the 'great Stalin.' Malenkov's very similar policy was strikingly confirmed by the 17th and 18th Party Congresses in 1952 and 1953 when he stated that the Soviet Union had no expansionist aspirations as far as Finland, the Baltic countries and Poland are concerned. Continuity has been preserved — a fact that has been admitted regretfully, but admitted it must be."

U.S. Arabs Give Icy Reception To Syrian Envoy's Anti-Zionism

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, (By Airmail). — Following the footsteps of Anwar Nashabdi, the Jordanian propagandist, Mr. Zein e-Din, Syrian Ambassador to the United States and Mexico, recently took himself down to Texas for a lecture tour.

Mr. Zein e-Din's invitation came from the Southern Federation of Syrian-Lebanese Americans who were having a convention down in Houston.

The invitation said, "We would like to suggest that your talk be compatible with the Southern Federation's policy of non-partisanship. We do not want to antagonize those of our friends who are of the Jewish faith and I (Mr. K. E. Antone, chairman of the Federation's executive board) know that you can put our cause to good advantage by handling this matter in the delicate manner which it deserves."

Mr. Zein e-Din's intelligence service in Syria has become rather muddled for the delicate manner he selected was to let slip at Zionism in the violently abusive fashion that had been adopted on at least one previous occasion. But instead of a cheering, shoulder-holding welcome, Mr. Zein e-Din received the coldest of receptions.

Terrified upset at the Ambassador's intentional neglect of the Federation's wishes, Mr. Antone promptly informed the press that he is recommending the Federation to elect a future diplomatic representation be omitted.

"The views of Mr. Zein e-Din do not represent the view of the Southern Federation," he was asked to leave politics out of his address here, the chairman said. "Let there be further misunderstanding of the position of the American-Lebanese and Syrian ancestry in Houston in relation to the Palestine situation, let me emphatically reiterate that the views of the Syrian Ambassador to the United States in no way represent the views of the Southern Federation nor that of us Houstonians."

Respect Jewish Friends

"We are unhappy that the Ambassador disregarded our wishes and made us appear as wish-granters. Our Federation constitution specifically prohibits political or religious activities or discussions. And as Americans and Christians we hold the greatest respect and highest respect for our Jewish friends and we do not want this hapless incident to affect our friendship of long standing."

Mr. Antone said that if the organization should ever point with pride to any of its aspirations as Americans beyond that of its ordinary allegiance, it would be "exclusively in the direction of our present efforts to try to influence the inhabitants of Syria and Lebanon to maintain their ties with the free world as against the Communist bloc. We stop there," he added with a most pointed omission of the Arab-Israeli issue.

First Reparations Cargo Unloaded At Jaffa Port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JAFFA, Saturday. — The first reparations goods arrived from Germany at the port here yesterday. The goods — a caustic soda and chemicals — were unloaded by a 300-man crew organized in four gangs working simultaneously. The stevedores were all screened by security officers.

Security was generally the keynote of the operation, which was otherwise an uneventful unloading of cargo. The goods were unloaded by a 300-man crew organized in four gangs working simultaneously. The stevedores were all screened by security officers.

Week-End at Sea

As unloading was interrupted by the Sabbath, the cargo moved out to sea for the week-end. She is due at "some port in Israel" tomorrow. Only a third of the ship's 2,400 tons cargo (mainly timber for orange boxes) is reparations goods, which was picked up at Hamburg.

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Austrian Restitution Talks to be Resumed

The restitution negotiations between the World Jewish Organizations and the Austrian Government are to be resumed tomorrow. The talks were discontinued a month ago as they were not proceeding satisfactorily.

Soviet Moslems On Mecca Pilgrimage

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuters). — Eighteen Soviet Moslems have left by plane for Saudi Arabia, to visit Mecca and "other places which Moslems regard as the world honour," the Government newspaper, "Izvestia," reported today.

The group comprises representatives from European Russia, Central Asia and Kazakhstan. (Later reports from Tashkent said that the Soviet plane left the Iran capital for Iraq, the next stop en route to Mecca.) (So far over 90,000 pilgrims from all over the world have arrived at Mecca this year.) Hajj there will reach its climax on Thursday, when the four-day Id el Adha — Feast of Sacrifice will begin.

U.S.S.R. GRANTS VISA

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has agreed to give exit visas to the Russian wife of a British citizen. She is Mrs. Clara Hall, who married a member of the British Embassy staff in 1948.

MOSSADEH DISSOLVES IRANIAN PARLIAMENT

TEHRAN, Saturday (UP). — Premier Mohammed Mossadeh officially dissolved the Majlis today, after gaining the approval of the nation with an overwhelming referendum victory.

AMERICAN ARMY PLANE LANDS IN SOVIET ZONE

HEIDELBERG, Saturday (Reuters). — An American Army liaison plane carrying two officers, who had been shot down in the Soviet zone of Germany yesterday, headquarters of the U.S. Army in Europe here announced today.

IL. 1,800 Rate Fixed For German Goods

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Reparations goods will be paid for by local purchasers at the rate of 1,800 per dollar (4.3 Deutsche Marks) and 12.5% of the purchase price must be deposited with the submission of order to the Shilumim (Reparations) Company announced here yesterday.

SPARE PARTS

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FEISAL IN OLD CITY

King Hussein accompanied his son, King Feisal of Iraq, on a tour of the Old City on Saturday. After taking part in prayers at the Haram es-Sharif, they hunched at Beit Jala, near Bethlehem. Earlier in the day they had visited the site of the Polish works on the Dead Sea and the refugee camps at Jericho.

U.S. Agreed To Soviet Seat In Korea Parleys

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday. — The U.S. has agreed tentatively to a United Nations proposal to include Russia in the Far East political conference, informed sources said today.

The U.S. was learned with opposition to the inclusion of India, however.

The disclosure came after the 18 nations whose troops fought for the U.N. in Korea met for three hours at the U.S. delegation headquarters today to iron out British and American differences over invitations to those two countries to attend the forthcoming conference.

Approaching Accord

U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld indicated yesterday that he favours including in the peace conference some neutral countries that do not have armed forces in Korea.

Reliable sources at the U.N. said yesterday that Britain and the Western powers may formally propose the inclusion of Russia and India despite U.S. objection to such a step.

China Says Red Cross Workers Attacked

PANMUNJOM, Saturday. — While the Korean prisoner of war exchange continued peacefully on its 11th day today, the Communists protested to the U.N. Command against the "continued harassment and mistreatment of Korean and Chinese prisoners in the course of the exchange and the forcible retention of a number of them."

The New China News Agency said that Communist representatives on the Joint Prisoner Repatriation Commission have demanded that the U.N. "immediately stop all such atrocities... and repatriate promptly all those forcibly retained."

The Agency stated that members of the North Korean and Chinese Red Cross societies had been shot at and wounded by guards at the Imjin River Bridge, near Munsan, the U.N. truce base.

The Agency's Kaesong correspondent reported that the Communists followed a tear gas attack on Communist Red Cross members on Kojia Island.

Communists today also charged the U.N. with nine violations of the truce by A.I. planes.

At the same time, they told a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission that they had completed the demarcation of the northern border of the buffer zone.

The advance party of the Indian units to take custody of unrepatriated prisoners of war from Korea yesterday "convicted both sides were eager to make their agreement work successfully," according to Foreign Minister A. K. Nehru, who leads the party.

The first batch of 5,000 Indian custodian troops left New Delhi today for Madras from where they will sail on Wednesday.

Chinese leaders have promised support to North Korea in Korea today. The U.N. messages marking the eighth anniversary of the liberation of the peninsula from the Japanese. (Reuters, UP)

Churchill Explains Korea Stand

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). — Sir Winston Churchill issued a statement yesterday in reply to critics of Britain's agreement to the recent declaration by the 18 nations of the U.N. Command in Korea warning the Communists that if they broke the truce, fighting would probably spread to China.

In the course of the statement, issued from 10, Downing Street, the Prime Minister pointed out that the previous Labour Government had agreed that if heavy air attacks were made upon U.N. forces in Korea from bases in China, they would act themselves with action confined to Korea.

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Greek Rulers Thank Israel

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The news of the disaster reached us by Kol Yisrael while the Israeli flotilla was on the way for a friendly visit to some of the islands. The Commanding Officer gave orders to change course and received confirmation from headquarters.

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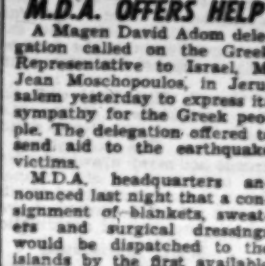
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M.D.A. OFFERS HELP

A Magen David Adom delegation called on the Greek Representative to Israel, M. Jean Moschopoulos, in Jerusalem yesterday to express its sympathy for the Greek people. The delegation offered to send aid to the earthquake victims.

M.D.A. headquarters announced last night that a consignment of blankets, sweaters and surgical dressings would be dispatched to the islands by the first available plane.

M. Moschopoulos thanked the aid society for their act of mercy, and added that Israeli relief efforts were significant in view of the shortages here.

(Greece is not represented in Israel by a full Minister because she has not recognized Israel de jure.)

Kashmir Crisis Dulls Independence Day

BOMBAY, Saturday (UP). — India and Pakistan refrained from celebrating the sixth anniversary of their independence today while their top statesmen sought to ease the tension which threatened to plunge the two countries into war over their rival claims in Kashmir.

India's Premier Jawaharlal Nehru told great crowds in Delhi that there would be no imposed solution for Kashmir, whose people alone should be allowed to determine their own future. He appealed to the Indian people to maintain friendly relations with Pakistan "despite the incitement of exaggerated tales of the situation in the Kashmir situation appearing in Pakistani newspapers."

Reviews Activities

In Karachi, Prime Minister Nehru addressed a meeting of the Indian National Congress, which since his administration assumed office earlier this year, in New Delhi. Major General Bennett de Ridder, U.N. Chief Military Observer in Kashmir, today described as "irresponsible" allegations that U.N. military observers in a Kashmir had interfered in the internal affairs of the state.

In a statement released by the U.N. Information Centre, General de Ridder said the ten-member military observer team were under instructions not to engage in political activities.

WORK GOES ON

Israel surveyors working near the Bnot Ya'akov bridge, South of Lake Huleh, were warned by Syrian troops on Thursday that they would open fire on them unless they left the spot, the Army spokesman announced on Friday.

The Israel Defense Forces in the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission asked the Chairman to put a halt to these activities.

The work continues as usual.

Fresh Attacks On Plane, Settlements

An Israel Police plane patrolling the Israel-Lebanon border on Thursday was fired on from the Lebanese. The Army spokesman announced yesterday. The plane was not hit.

Israel has protested to the International Mixed Armistice Commission, it was said.

Two settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor — Bar Giora and Ma'ale — were attacked by armed Arabs at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, the Army spokesman announced on Friday.

The attack began when marauders threw a grenade into a house in Bar Giora. Fifteen minutes later Ma'ale was attacked. Village watchmen routed the attackers, who retreated amid an exchange of fire. There were no casualties.

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12 Marauders From Egypt Rounded Up

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — A band of 12 marauders from Egypt was rounded up and brought to Beersheba. An additional marauder was caught this morning.

Another infiltrator was caught near Shuvai. A group of Beersheba imams today after having stolen articles valued at IL500. He came from the Gaza Strip.

Marauders stole 60 beehives from Kibbutz Negov last week. The hives were situated a kilometre from the Egyptian border.

Beduin Mukhtar Shot

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Khalid Abu Amra, Mukhtar of the Abu Amra tribe camping south of here, was shot in the stomach and leg on Thursday night by a group of Beduin. One suspect was detained yesterday. Police believe that the shooting was the result of a tribal quarrel. The victim was taken to Hadassah Hospital here.

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Tel Aviv	24	17	SE 10	100
Jerusalem	22	15	SE 10	100
Haifa	20	14	SE 10	100
Ramat Gan	21	15	SE 10	100
Bnei Brak	21	15	SE 10	100
Be'er Sheva	23	16	SE 10	100
Dimona	24	17	SE 10	100
Yotvata	25	18	SE 10	100
Ein Avdat	26	19	SE 10	100
Ein Gedi	27	20	SE 10	100

* Monthly at 5 p.m. B) Maximum temp. C) Minimum temp. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

RAIN FELL IN HAIFA and the Western Galilee on Friday morning. At Kibbutz Na'ama there was a 10-minute shower.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S Municipal Council session in Jerusalem, originally planned to be its last before the holiday recess, did not complete its work on a number of building reports. It will therefore hold at least one more meeting this week.

12 ARABIS of Kfar Ma'ara, Western Galilee, were yesterday re-manded for seven days by administrative order following a disturbance they allegedly caused at the Nahariya cinema last week.

ON THE OCCASION of the jubilee celebration of the Israel Teachers' Association, held in the auditorium of the Zichron Ya'akov Local Council today, a branch post office will be opened there during the day and all mail sent will bear a special postmark.

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS in the State will be the subject of a round-table discussion to be broadcast over Kol Yisrael at 8:30 tonight. Mr. E. Avriel, M.K., Mr. Haim Raziel, Director-General of the Communications Ministry, Mr. A. Weissbrod, Director of Eshed and Mr. A. Rabinowitz, Director of Dan, will participate.

THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE Talmud lesson was resumed over Kol Zion Hagalila yesterday. Rabbi Jacob Herzog is the instructor.

AS OF TOMORROW the No. 9 Dan bus in Tel Aviv will stop at the following stations: Rehov Ramat Gan, Alhady, Shapir, Quarter, Olvet Moshe and Rehov Levinsky.

Chinese and Japanese Art at Bezalel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An exhibition of Chinese and Japanese art was formally opened yesterday at the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem by Prof. A. Ben-Zur, Director of the University, Vice-Chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees. Prof. Ben-Zur was presented to a large audience of invited guests by Mr. M. Narkis, Director of the Museum, who explained that a high standard of selectivity was maintained in choosing the exhibits.

Prof. Ben-Zur said that this exhibition was "timely" in view of the events of world significance now taking place in the Near East.

It contains many items from the Museum's collection, including a scroll from Mr. Jacob Fink, the artist and collector, Kibbutz Haneva, Prof. L. Picard, Dr. A. Regensburger and others. Arrangements were in the hands of Dr. P. Schif of the Museum staff.

Among the guests present at the opening were the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and Mrs. Loecher, Prof. and Mrs. Cecil Roth, of Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan D. Shapiro and Mr. and Mrs. P. Levin of New York; Prof. F. Swirg of London; Mr. Retzer, the art dealer from Paris and Mrs. Retzer; Dr. K. W. Wermann, Director of the National Library Jerusalem; Dr. Leon, President of the Society of Friends of Bezalel; Miss Deborah Kallen and others.

The exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Max Eitinger, who died in 1943 after serving over 30 years as Chairman of the Museum's Board.

EMIL FARKASH WINS GYMNASTIC TITLE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Emil Farkash, of the Tel Aviv Brith Maccabi Atid, won the Maccabi championship in gymnastic apparatus during the week-end national contests held here. He made 97.3 points. Ezra Stein placed second with 96.1 points. In a national cup competition in basketball for those born in 1933, Brith Maccabi Atid, Tel Aviv, won.

FIFTH TEST

Bad light stopped play ten minutes before time in the first day of the fifth and last Test Match at the Oval, London, yesterday.

The score stood at Australia, 373; England 1 for 0.

RATION NEWS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Rice, 50 gr. on Alpha; Bet, Gmel cards, coupon 374, temp. 12. Filled chocolate; one 36-gr. bar on Alpha; Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 23. Biscuits, 200 gr., no coupon, temp. 18. Sugar: one kilogram plus additional 500 gr. on Alpha cards; Alpha 54, temp. 2. TEL AVIV: Eggs: 2, 100. Butter and eggs for invalids: 100 gr. butter on Bet Alpha; Bet Bet, Bet Gmel cards; 4 eggs on Bet Alpha cards; 1 egg on Bet, and 5 on Bet Gmel.

Personal Notice

We announce with deep sorrow the death of the head of our family

MOSHE ITTAH

who was laid to rest in Haifa on August 14 (א"ח 14)

THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Rokach Bias Against Petah Tikva Claimed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — Complaints against the Minister of Interior, Mr. Y. Rokach, for his failure to approve the local Municipality's contracts, loans and by-laws as well as the ordinary and development budgets, were voiced by Mayor P. Roshchik on Thursday night.

The Mayor said that the Municipality's decision to take 25% from the property tax was rejected by the Minister, who agreed to only 20%. Furthermore, he continued, the IL 300,000 which have been granted to the Municipality in loans are still lying "dead" in the banks because Mr. Rokach also has not approved this.

Bureaucracy Charged

Mr. Roshchik said that the Minister's dividing of the country into districts was a "bureaucratic move," since Mayors have to go through a great deal of red tape before matters finally reach the Minister himself.

"High officials of the Ministry of Interior have personally told me that they are not interested in the Municipality," that the mail sent to the Ministry by the Petah Tikva Municipality is never pursued, but just sits.

The Mayor quoted Mr. A. Moyal, Director-General of the Ministry of Interior, as saying recently "We will finally break down their inactivity by means of budgets of Tiberies have also been rejected by the Ministry, he stated.

"This" reports that the local Municipal workers will stage a strike on Monday if they do not receive their July salaries tomorrow.

Local Needs Neglected

A complaint that the Government is neglecting the needs of local authorities and stunting them financially, was levelled by representatives of local authorities at a meeting with Mr. Rokach on Friday.

Mr. B. Ostrovsky, President of the Local Authorities Union, Mr. M. Sacher, Mayor of Tiberies, Mr. Roshchik, Mayor of Petah Tikva, and Mr. A. Michael, Chairman of the Herzlia Local Council, contended that local government is forced into executing the duties of the central government in the sphere of relief, education and health, and has to cope with unemployment by providing public works.

The delegation pointed out that criticism voiced at the recent conference of the Local Authorities Union and the Histadrut Municipal Bureau, applied to the Government generally and not to the Ministry of Interior only.

For three hours the delegation detailed their inability to maintain municipal services, thrown as they were on meagre local resources limited by law.

The Minister promised to call an early meeting of the local authorities' spokesmen with the Ministers of Finance, Education, Social Welfare and other Government officials connected with the problem.

NAZARETH FRENCH HOSPITAL TO CLOSE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH, Saturday. — The French Hospital of Nazareth, founded in 1859 by the religious order of St. Vincent de Paul, will close next week.

Since 1928, the 90-bed hospital has been directed by Dr. Joseph Daoud, French Vice-Consul, who will be leaving Israel to join his family in the Lebanon. His departure was motivated by purely personal reasons, Dr. Daoud said, but the Hospital could not be reopened before a new French physician was found to replace him.

All the patients have been discharged. Meanwhile, the Hospital is to be re-equipped and modernized. The Edinburgh Missionary Hospital is now the only one in operation in Nazareth.

Bethlehem, Jericho Councils in Dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jordan Government is taking steps to dissolve the Municipal Councils of Jericho and Bethlehem due to "serious clashes of opinion" among their members. Recently, the Jordan majors were dismissed from their posts. Their district officers are running the Councils' affairs.

The Jordan Government now intended to dissolve the Councils and appoint Municipal Committees.

Officer of Minority Affairs Dead

The death occurred in Haifa on Friday of Mr. Moshe Ittah, District Officer for Minority Affairs and a Judge of the Municipal Court. He was 60.

A native of Haifa, he was trained in France and taught at Jewish schools in Tunis and Iraq. In Baghdad and Mosul he was for 30 years a courageous exponent of Zionism, and earned the respect of Iraq's ruling class. He was also active for the Jewish Agency, and maintained contact with most Jewish leaders. He left Iraq during the Rashid Ali revolt in 1941 and settled in Haifa.

Among those who attended the funeral were the District Representative, the Mayor, and representatives of the community. He leaves a wife and three children.

Monthly Meeting at President's Home Stresses Nation's Unity

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Moshe Hodesh first of the month gathering at President's home for Elul was dedicated to North African Jewry last week.

The President expressed his belief that it had been fitting to revive the ancient custom of meeting on each Moshe Hodesh with representatives of a different community from the Diaspora.

"Indeed," Mr. Ben-Zvi said, "We have been privileged to witness that which was denied our fathers and our forefathers — the ingathering of the exiles from north and south, from east and west."

A word about the term "Eastern communities."

There is no basis for including the Jews of North Africa as part of the Eastern communities. The Jews of North Africa are not of the East, but of the West. Not for nothing did that greatest of poets (Yehuda Halevi) write, "My heart is in the West" and he was referring to Spain and North Africa.

"To describe the term 'East' refers only to lands east of the Land of Israel, — Persia, Bactria, and Syria, while communities of the west and south of this country are considered 'West'."

The President regretted that newspapers were writing disparagingly of one community or another. All reforms should begin at home. Askenazi writers would do well to emphasize the faults in their own surroundings, as would authors from Islamic lands.

"Let us not forget that we are living in the center of the world, and that the whole world is watching us," the President said.

He stressed three factors in the work to uniting the nation:

1) Education — A common language and common interests.

2) Work — When the Jews were scattered among the nations they were not allowed to work on the land, to do manual labor, or to serve in the Army. Here we have been transformed into a laboring people. The 700,000 workers who are joined together in the Histadrut all have equal rights, duties, and working conditions.

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Bored Prisoners

TEL AVIV, Saturday

(ITIM). — Two prisoners who were waiting to see the commandant of the Jaffa Prison yesterday afternoon told the bars of the waiting room windows and escaped. Wardens went out after them, and at the end of an hour-long search, the prisoners were brought back.

CUSTOMS OFFICER, IL 4,400 MISSING

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Saturday. — A customs officer, Yitzhak Nadler, 38, has disappeared, and a sum of IL 4,400 is missing from his cash box.

Nadler, who is married and the father of two children, is a pay clerk, and had been in Government service since 1931. When he failed to arrive for work last Wednesday, his superior called at his home and found the door locked. Nadler had told neighbors that he had moved to Mt. Carmel.

Only IL 118 in small bills was left in the cash box. A month ago, Nadler was given a recommendation for an exit visa for himself and his family to go to France for the treatment of his daughter who was stricken with infantile paralysis.

The management asserts that this discrimination against El Al staff, which would thus be proposed by the Hebrew Book Commission that pictures be printed under the book scheme and the text added in Israel.

El Al Staff Must Pay Tax on Free Tickets

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday

(ITIM). — El Al has decided to protest to the Ministry of Finance against their decision to charge El Al staff the regular 75% luxury tax on the free travel tickets they receive once in two years when space allows.

The management asserts that this discrimination against El Al staff, which would thus be proposed by the Hebrew Book Commission that pictures be printed under the book scheme and the text added in Israel.

PROMINENT HAIFA MERCHANT HELD

HAIFA, Saturday. — Mr. Emil Boutagy, 60, prominent Haifa merchant, was remanded for a week following the discovery of three revolvers, two shotguns, ammunition, and a cartridge-filling machine on his premises in Jaffa Street.

Police state that they do not yet know the purpose for which the weapons served, and are looking for a 15-day period to form a Government to replace the temporary Government of Saleh Salim which resigned after the recent general elections.

JORDAN, LIBYA SEEK U.N. MEMBERSHIP

The Arab U.N. delegations

have been instructed by their Government to seek, "by all possible means," the admission to the organization of Jordan and Libya, ARA reports from Cairo.

ROBBERY IN EILAT

EILAT, Saturday. — The local

Solel Boneh office was broken into on Thursday night and a cash box containing IL 3,070 was taken.

The Robbed bus from Eilat to Tel Aviv, which arrived in Beersheva on Friday afternoon, was directed to the police station where all its passengers were searched. Among them were three Danish tourists and one from Canada. Nothing was found.

More Life Guards At Herzlia Beach

HERZLIA, Saturday. — Two life

guards will be employed at the scene of the recent tragedy on the seashore near here, the Local Council decided yesterday.

The Council took this action despite the cost involved, in view of the fact that the spot is popular and swimmers seem determined to use that part of the beach.

A fresh-water pipe will be installed.

YOUTH 17, DROWNED

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Seven-

teen-year-old Shimon Ashkenazi, of Rehovot Beit Hana near here, drowned in the sea near Nahal Rubin at 10:30 this morning. The body was taken to Asaf Harofeh Hospital.

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Haruv Promised Better Housing

The Ministry of Labour, Mrs.

Gold promised last week that the construction of 100 additional blocks of immigrant flats would begin shortly in Haruv, where some 1,500 residents still live in tin huts.

She was speaking at an ice-factory and regional bakery, first projects in the industrial zone planned for Haruv. A Tel Aviv firm will build the ice-factory, and local investors are putting up the bakery.

Haruv workers were given local council status on the same occasion. Dr. A. Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, indicated the first local council chairman, Shimon Avner, an immigrant from Iraq.

Solel Boneh is expected to announce resumption of work at the Shimon Haruv cement works this week. The 50 labourers employed by the Shimon management were dismissed on August 1, before Solel Boneh took over construction operations. The Jerusalem Labour Council spokesman hoped that some 400 men would be hired to complete the building.

Solel Boneh technicians have undertaken to finish the plant by the end of 1953.

Pella Expected to Form Temporary Italian Gov't

ROME, Saturday (Reuters).

Italy's Premier-Designate Giuseppe Pella is expected to set up this week-end a "business government" intended to last for about three months.

President Luigi Einaudi set him this task to deal with the political crisis resulting from the Italian general elections last June.

Chief job of the new Government will be to steer through Parliament separate Ministerial budgets long overdue. Mr. Pella, leading economist expert in the Christian Democratic Party, is himself expected to take over the Foreign Ministry.

It is anticipated that all the other Ministers are to be drawn from the Christian Democratic Party.

Latest indications are that only the Communist Party, second biggest in Italy after the Christian Democrats, is committed to voting against him.

E. German Communist School Head Removed

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuters).

Acting East German Foreign Minister Anton Ackermann has been removed as Director of the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute Central School of the Socialist Unity Party, the Party newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," reported yesterday.

The paper said that the policy-making Political Bureau of the Party's Central Committee had temporarily ordered the Deputy Director, Ludwig Elnicki, to run the School.

Naumann Evades

DORTMUND, Saturday (Reuter).

Werner Naumann, Goebbels' State Secretary, last night circumvented a ban by the city authorities here on a meeting at which he was to speak, by holding it in a town just outside Dortmund City limits.

Naumann, whom the British arrested last January on suspicion of having plotted to restore the Nazis to power, and whom the Germans released a few weeks ago pending further investigations, spoke at Witten.

He repeated his allegations of bad treatment by British interrogators at Witten Prison.

Four Powers Lift All Austrian Censorship

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuters).

The Four-Power Allied Council yesterday decided to abolish all Allied censorship in Austria as from today, thus ending one of the bitterest disputes in the eight years of the Council's existence.

Representatives of Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the U.S. at today's Council session unanimously agreed to a resolution to this effect, introduced by the British.

Adoption of the British resolution followed the Soviet decision on August 13 to abolish censorship in their zone of Austria. This left only the Allied censorship office in Vienna itself to be abolished. Censorship in the U.S., British and French zones was abolished long ago.

The Allied Council also decided unanimously to remove all existing restrictions on the movement in Austria of members of the Allied Commission and of Allied Embassies and

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THE Greek people, sorely tried in war, have suffered another heavy blow. Three of the seven Ionian islands have been devastated by a series of earthquakes.

IONIAN EARTHQUAKE

and European history since the Lisbon disaster in the 18th century. Greece is the cradle of Western civilization, and the seat of the spirit of the West. It is the heart of many people who have never seen the Parthenon or Corinth. It is the island of Odysseus, the man who was never at a loss, but whose wanderings are a story of the Greek people. The Ionian islands were considered one nation even at the time of Homer: a number of Penelope's suitors came from "woody Zakynthos" (now called Zante), others from Cephalonia. When I was lord of the Kephallenians, I lamented Laertes, Odysseus' father, recalling the days of his youth. And Thucydides frequently mentions these islands as the theatre of important military and naval operations at the time of the Peloponnesian War. The main products of the Ionian islands were "grapes of all sorts, figs and apples" as Odysseus says describing his father's orchards, before the islanders made houses and villages crumble, mountains disappear and wells dry up.

All civilized peoples have expressed their heartfelt sympathy with Greece in her latest ordeal. It is only in the last few years that she succeeded in repairing the ravages of Fascist and Communist aggression. It is a matter of profound gratification to residents of this country that Israel naval units, on manoeuvres in the Ionian Sea, were among the first to arrive at the scene and to give help to the victims, evacuating the sick and wounded to the mainland, transporting groups of survivors from the fishing villages, the land approaches to which had become impassable. This has been more than a token of Israel's sympathy with Greece in her hour of trial: it is a helping hand prompted by the heart of a nation.

THIS week-end, one of the Arab armistice commissions is taking place in Beirut, and the Arab delegates, notably Major Izzak of Jordan, have complained meanwhile that alleged Israeli attacks on a number of villages near Beit Govrin and Wadi Fukin have been carried out with the intent to "sabotage the Beirut conference."

BORDER INCIDENTS

told by Lebanon's Prime Minister Sa'eb Salam, that "a plan for the reconquest of Palestine" was to be worked out. Other Arab spokesmen, notably Major Izzak of Jordan, have complained meanwhile that alleged Israeli attacks on a number of villages near Beit Govrin and Wadi Fukin have been carried out with the intent to "sabotage the Beirut conference."

It is probable that the Jordan representative did not know when he complained that the Lebanese Prime Minister would let the cat out of the bag so openly and unashamedly, confirming what has long been known in this country. What is clear is that the Arab leaders do not regard the U.N. armistice commission as a means of pacification and an instrument for the reduction of prevailing tension, but on the contrary, as one of the main levers for increasing tension. Excusing acts of aggression prepared by a military staff from over the border or manufacturing evidence, is part of the game, helped unwittingly by U.N. staff, which apparently regards it as its main task to remain neutral between right and wrong, between attacker and attacked. In any case, Major Mohammed Izzak could hardly have complained about Israel's intention to "sabotage the Beirut conference" to quote the words of the host of the armistice commission in Beirut.

This country does not have aggressive intentions towards its neighbours; it does not want to reconquer Jordan, Syria or any other country. Nor have citizens or soldiers of Israel any reason to engage in murderous and terrorist activities of infiltration into adjacent countries. But if the Arab politicians assume that it is the same as granting inviolability to their infiltrating gangs they are, of course, mistaken.

Harvard and Boston Tech' A Report on American Teaching

By J. BRONOWSKI

Dr. Bronowski has been spending four months at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Visiting Professor.

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.) — Given its name by the early settlers in Cromwell's day, to mark it proudly as the first university town in America, today it is more industrial than Oxford (England). It is also more strikingly a university town, for it holds both Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — which has become M.I.T. to the world, but is still "Tech" to Cambridge.

These are large universities, but this is not what distinguishes them, for most States in America have larger ones. The University of Boston across the river, and the University of Massachusetts elsewhere in the State, are both larger.

What distinguishes Harvard and M.I.T. is the standard which they set for their students. Young men come to them, as they come to Oxford and Cambridge, from all over the country. They have the characteristic names of the American communities — Irish and Italian, Huguenot and Spanish and Pennsylvania Dutch. Each of my classes has also had students from South America and from Europe.

Ferocious Competition

There are 5,000 students at M.I.T., spread over four undergraduate and two graduate years. The yearly intake of freshmen is about 1,000, and the competition for these places is ferocious. The Institute can therefore make ferocious demands on the students and intellectuality it does so.

Since the students are from schools scattered over a continent, the range of what one or other of them does not know is enormous. The drive in the student to think of nothing but aerofuels or chemical engineering or electronics is therefore particularly strong.

M.I.T. meets this in two ways. First, it gives the undergraduate in his first two years an extraordinary grounding in all the sciences. You cannot become so much as a modest sanitary engineer here until you have first done the mathematics and the physics and the biology from which any true understanding of science must spring. You cannot be a specialist until you are a scientist. This is the axiom I found at M.I.T.

Science is therefore treated here as a single body of thought and, in a sense, as a culture. It can be done only by having on the staff first-class men in all the sciences, however remote they may be from engineering. What strikes the visiting professor is the stature of the men working there precisely in, say, physics and biology. I have never spent any time with so many great men, and they are excitedly talking each other's shop, as in my evenings at M.I.T. and at Harvard.

This stress on fundamental science has its visible influence on all that the student does later in his lifetime work. I had supposed, before my visit, that American engineering design was more over its success to the practical bent of the men who make it. And they are practical on their strong theoretical grasp of what they are doing. The M.I.T. graduate, and the graduate from the other great institutes, does not approach a new piece of engineering with his hands but with his head. He

Theatre Notes An Israel Noel Coward?

Matate presents: "Old Vile" by Joseph Levy. Directed by Menachem Golan. Settings: Arye Navon.

Mr. constant complaint that the theatre in Israel has ever written a play that was produced, is no longer valid. The Matate, which has done so much commendable pioneering work in the Hebrew stage, has come up with a play that was not only written by one of its own members, but by a young man who acts the leading role. Joseph Levy, the author, may well turn out to be the Noel Coward of the Hebrew stage.

"Old Vile" and "People" is by no means great or important drama. Judging from the production and treatment I do not think that even Mr. Levy thought that it was important comedy. But it is the type of light comedy which treats the present problem of having a baby, with an acceptable mixture of comedy, sentiment and anxiety, and a nicely balanced sense of values. It might also be said to Mr. Levy's credit that there is no vulgarity or hardness in his handling of this delicate theme.

"Old Vile" Student

There is another "first" in this production. A young actor, Menachem Golan, has returned from his studies with the Old Vile in London and directed the play. It cannot be denied that Golan has revolutionized the sometimes heavy-handed methods of the Matate with a single stroke of his directorial hand, and introduced British theatrical under-

MUSICAL DIARY

Only 28% of listeners would like to see more modern music in the programmes. Among the favourite modern works Stravinsky's "Sacre du Printemps" and Prokofiev's "Roméo and Juliet" were mentioned. These works seem to have aroused strong feelings for they also appear under the heading of "modern music" in many questionnaires. There seems to be very little demand for Israel music. Only 22% of listeners would like to see more Israel music played and 74% are in favour of performances of works by Strauss.

The L.P.O. received many complaints in the "General Remarks" section on their work during the last season.

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L.P.O. Questionnaire

REPLIES to the L.P.O.'s questionnaire, distributed at the last concert of the season, have now been analysed.

Composers of the classical and romantic periods led the demand for works that audiences prefer, particularly the three "B's" — Bruckner and Mahler.

The L.P.O. presented a contemporary programme, a fact which deserves the more attention, as the conductor is a young man and might have been expected to confine himself to well-known classics.

Opening with Schubert's Second Symphony, vividly rendered, the programme followed with Debussy's "L'après-midi d'un Faune", that culmination of impression which seemed seasonal and was adequately interpreted.

J. Menze performed the solo in Debussy's Cello Concerto, an Israel premiere. This work is a blend of classical and jazz elements, a suitable counterpart to his earlier Concertino for Piano and Orchestra, bold in harmonics, the fagott, the clarinet, the oboe and flute are used to best advantage. However not only calls for the upper but also for the middle and lower register of his solo instrument. Mr. Menze was an able interpreter of this intricate piece of music and the orchestra did its full share.

The bill ended with a pleasing rendering of Prokofiev's "Liebes Liebes" (Liebes Liebes) by FRANGO.

Contemporary Programme

Kol Yisrael's last Tuesday night concert of the season, conducted by S. Mithor, the orchestra's leader, presented a

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WHERE BATHING IS SAFE Bat Yam Beach as a Public Service

By Evi Magen

LEGALLY, the Bat Yam beach is State property. How is it then, that Local Councils, with a strip of seashore under their jurisdiction, are permitted to turn this public property into a source of private income? Why is the public at Nahariya, Bat Yam, Haifa, Acre and Herzliya obliged to pay in order to use the beach?

Top years ago, before the State came into being, the Bat Yam Council negotiated with the Mandatory Government for the lease of a section of seashore running along the area under its jurisdiction, public land marked for development. Negotiations on behalf of the Council were carried out by Mr. A. Livy, head of the Council until three years ago, and he signed the contract with the State Properties Department and with the Bat Yam Seashore Co., Ltd. At that time the Bat Yam Council had plans for converting the seashore into a rest resort. But they could not be implemented before the area was placed under the Council's jurisdiction. Time and again the Mandatory Government had promised that the Municipality would receive the concession but, through political considerations born of exaggerated concern for Arab postmen and pedestrians, it failed to keep its promise. According to Government reasoning, the Arabs had the right to insist that that part of the shore remain in its desolation.

Concession Granted

What the Bat Yam Council failed to obtain from the Mandatory Government, it succeeded in getting from the State of Israel. But it was no easy victory. Mr. Livy explained. For months he visited Government offices, before he succeeded in convincing the authorities that it was for the good of both the State and the Council to grant the concession. The State Properties Department at last realized that the de-

solate beach and that the State would receive a 50 per cent share of profits handed over to the Bat Yam Council by the Company. Bat Yam's desire for development, which, owing to the attitude of the Mandatory Government and the Arabs of Jaffa, had been deliberately retarded, encouraged the Department to hand over the concession to the Council. Bat Yam was given a chance to make the area a first-class summer resort with an income to boot.

On leasing the seashore to the Bat Yam Council, the State Properties Department did not renounce its claims to ownership. It remembered to insert clauses which were binding on the Local Council, stating that failure to fulfil these clauses would result in a suspension of the contract.

Council's Undertaking

Under Article II of the Agreement the Council undertakes to maintain the leased property and the buildings in a well-kept and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Health.

Article 13 states:

"If the lessee fails to fulfil the conditions under section 2 (d) — to implement the plan at one and the same time or in stages as indicated in the plan — the contract will be considered null and void only with regard to those areas included in the stages not yet implemented. In that case, only the seashore area will be returned to the authority of the lessee who will dispose of them as he sees fit."

According to information I received, the Bat Yam shore was leased with the express purpose of developing it with private capital. When the contract was about to be signed, Mr. Livy said, "we were not even able to employ a single life guard. The Council was not aware of this, but nevertheless agreed, and the Local Council was given leave to lease the property in a private concern."

Fees Compared

At Nahariya the charge for entrance is 200 pruta per person including residents. There is a 100-pruta charge for the use of a cubicle and 200 more for renting a beach chair. At Giv'at Yehonatan bathers pay 200 pruta for entrance and 200 pruta for a beach chair. At Carmel Beach entrance fee is 200 pruta, a beach chair 300 Acre, which fenced off a bathing area this year, charges 150 pruta entrance fee. All these beaches demand entrance tickets even from small children. If there happens to be a "free" bathing zone nearby, people refrain from using it because there are neither life guards nor sanitary facilities.

Those who know most of the bathing beaches in the country, feel that Bat Yam deserves particular praise and appreciation for placing at the disposal of the public a modern and up-to-date beach at a small cost, and an open beach with suitable facilities. One of course, something that no other local authority has done to date.

Mr. Ben Ari, with his unbounded enthusiasm and imagination has succeeded in uniting all factions to endorse the rapid development of Bat Yam their prime concern. The Council is bent on exploiting to the full the wonderful beach provided by nature. According to lists who have visited the Riviera, there are not many resorts the facilities of which compare with that of Bat Yam. Bat Yam will one day be a major vacation centre and resort.

Readers' Letters

TRENDS SYSTEM

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your headline on the story concerning the Education Law, in your issue of August 13, states that the trend system has existed for 50 years. In fact, that system came into being in 1920, when the Mirab school was granted special autonomy. The trend system was created in 1923, but the Agudat Yisrael trend was recognized only after the State was founded in the academic year 1948/49.

Yours etc, **REUVEN SYVAN** Press Officer Ministry of Education Jerusalem, August 13.

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